

## CLAIMS

1. An optical recording medium having data optically recorded thereon, characterized in that one face of a substrate of the optical recording medium has a circular recess formed therein for engagement with a rotating device for the optical recording medium, and the other face of the substrate has a flat surface with no projections and depressions, the flat face having a design put at least approximately on the center of the face.
2. An optical recording medium of claim 1, characterized in that the circular recess is cylindrically formed approximately in the center of the optical recording medium.
3. An optical recording medium of claim 1, characterized in that the circular recess is annularly formed.
4. An optical recording medium of claim 3, characterized in that the annular recess has an arc or triangle cross-section, and each corner between the arc or triangle and the substrate face forms an obtuse angle when seen in cross section.
5. An optical recording medium of any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the substrate is composed of one plastic substrate, and the design put on the other face of the

plastic substrate is formed by means of printing.

6. An optical recording medium of any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the substrate is composed of one plastic substrate and the other face of the plastic substrate has optical data recorded thereon, the other face being provided with an adhesive layer and a cover layer attached by the adhesive layer, the design being put on a surface of the cover layer.

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7. An optical recording medium of any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the substrate has a metal piece or a magnetic element integrated therein.

15 8. An optical recording medium of any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the optical recording medium has a memory integrated therein.

9. An optical recording medium of claim 8, characterized in that the memory is a nonvolatile semiconductor memory.

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10. An optical recording medium of claim 8, characterized in that the optical recording medium has an antenna which is connected to the memory integrated therein.